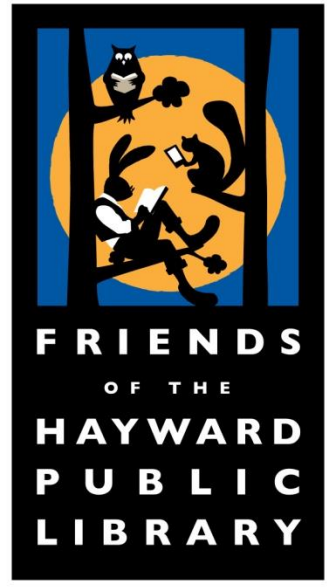


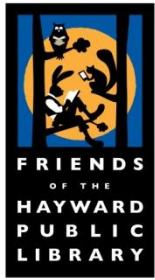
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## Honorable Mentions

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

Carola Lopez, Harder Elementary

Taimane Hughes, Harder Elementary

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

Brandon Rico, East Avenue Elementary

Brian Nunez-Diaz, Harder Elementary

Melissa Moya, Saint Bede

Khris Martinez, Lorin Eden Elementary

Naima Sapenter, East Avenue Elementary

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:

Ariana Hernandez, Southgate Elementary

Asia Sandline, Harder Elementary

Nasratullah Hazeen, Southgate Elementary

Michele Rahmani, Lorin Eden Elementary

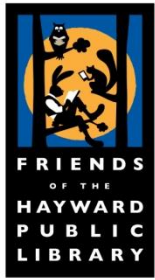
Lauren Malana, Lorin Eden Elementary

Manveer Grewal, Lorin Eden Elementary

Audrey Guth, Golden Oak Montisori

Leonardo Ledezma, Ruus Elementary

Daisy Villalpando, Park Elementary



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## Honorable Mentions

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Isabella Gonzalez, Southgate Elementary

Ulises Diaz, Schafer Park Elementary

David Sanchez-Delgado, Southgate Elementary

Brenda Loya, Cherryland Elementary

Tayshawn Dial, Southgate Elementary

Inahyah Munaf, Park Elementary

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Janiya Thomas, Lorin Eden Elementary

Aquiles Wences, Glassbrook Elementary

Nereyda Robles, Park Elementary

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Andrea Cambron, Longwood Elementary

Christian Ocoma, Longwood Elementary

Yamile Ornelas, Longwood Elementary

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Mirayda Cortez, M.L.K. Middle School

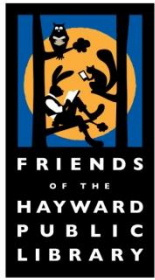
Jamilla Cruz, Winton Middle School

Jeno Prince, Winton Middle School

Krishal Sharma, M.L.K. Middle School

Xitialy Diaz, M.L.K. Middle School

Paola Castillo, Winton Middle School



# Student Poetry Awards

## Honorable Mentions

### **8th Grade:**

Imajahwai Williams, Ochoa Middle School

Bryan Sanchez, Winton Middle School

Maya Harvey, Winton Middle School

Nicole Porter, M.L.K. Middle School

### **12th Grade:**

Amariyanna Sharp, Tennyson High School

Herminio Valencia, Tennyson High School

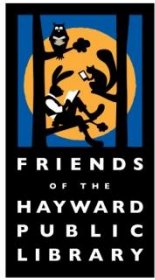
### **9th Grade:**

Grecia Aguiniga, Tennyson High School

Shanil Dutt, Tennyson High School

Liam Purpura-Pontoniere, Homeschool

Keziah Aurin, Tennyson High School



# Student Poetry Awards

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade WINNER

Amalia Jimenez

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Strobridge Elementary

\$50 scholarship

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A Great Place for Me

Think of the library

What does it do

I come here for homework center

What about you

Think of the children

They read the books

They can explore

And they can look

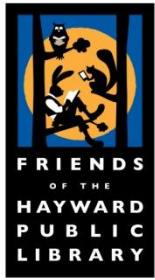
Think of all the people

In all the new space

Being really happy

It would be a great place

-Amalia Jimenez



# Student Poetry Awards

## 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade WINNER

Jordan Moore

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Park Elementary

\$75 scholarship

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\* In Hayward we can be free \*

I need to learn.

I want to learn.

When will it finally be my turn?

We don't have many books at home  
and I don't like reading all alone.

But theres this place where kids can go  
where they can learn where they can grow.  
Theres Pipi Long and Junie B., Theres  
Jack the bean, theres almost EVERYTHING

I'd love to go.

I'd love to grow.

oneday I'll have my turn, you know!?

The Hayward library's the best place  
for me. An Imagination runny wild  
and free.

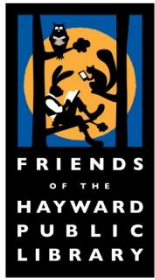
By

Jordan Moore

Ms. Alexander 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Park Elementary

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# Student Poetry Awards

## 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade WINNER

Pooja Rathaur

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Lorin Eden Elementary

\$100 scholarship

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### AT THE LIBRARY....

As silent as the night, to  
Concentrate on the  
Books as you try to  
READ....

As comfy as the bed you sleep on  
And as comfy as hanging out  
With friends you see every day;  
The Library provides you  
With the best of the friends  
THE BOOKS.....

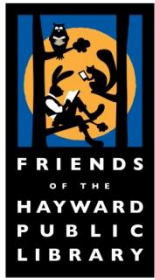
A joyful place for all of us, to  
Read and read and read!  
The books are your  
Best Friends Forever, to be pulled into  
The World of Wonderful Wonders...

Take a step into the  
LIBRARY  
And experience the  
JOYFUL WONDER!

*By Pooja Rathaur*

*Grade 5/ Lorin Eden Elementary School*





# Student Poetry Awards

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade WINNER

Luis Antonio Ledezma

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Cesar Chavez Middle School

\$150 scholarship

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### Mas Aventuras

Biblioteca es un lugar donde hay libros

Los libros son aventuras son portales a otros mundos

No importa donde estes

Con los libros puedes ir de mexico a china o de china a mexico

Los libros son vida

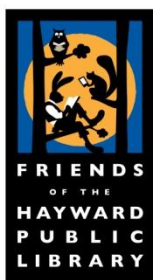
Puedes estudiar, puedes entretenerte

Puedes leer aventuras o puedes leer chistes

La nueva biblioteca abriria puertas a nuevas aventuras

Mas entretenimiento y mas educacion





# Student Poetry Awards

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade WINNER

Melissa Dominguez

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

M.L.K. Middle School

\$150 scholarship

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### A New Safe Haven

Reality has never been a complete paradise.

It can be rather ugly and utterly dangerous.

We all live in it

And yet

We never realize just how much of a

Prison

It really is.

Why do we not notice?

Why are we so

Oblivious

To the fact that we are indeed

Prisoners of non-fiction?

The reason behind our ignorance of reality is all due to our

Special access

To fantasy.

Fantasy.

Fiction.

All in a stack of papers in a book.

Those characters we cherish,

Those fictional people we hold dear,

We find in fiction.

I am constantly being pulled into reality.

It is ugly.

It taints my pure

Mind

Soul

Heart.

Reality,

That thing we live in,

does it not resemble a nightmare sometimes?

Those small

But priceless

Moments

Where I open up a safe haven;

Where I drift into another dimension;

Where I meet that which is defined as

Impossible

In non-fiction,

All come from a book.

That hideous and bloody reality

Which my Algebra teacher holds oh so dear

I push aside.

I refuse to drown the way he did.

That is why when I set foot in a library

I do not see a quiet place full of pages with black

I sense,

I feel

An environment without dying

Humans

Trees

Animals,

But instead a world full of fiction.

Fiction, which I embrace.

Fantasy, so easily shaped.

A library to me is a place full of portals

That reach out to me;

Telling me to escape reality,

Even if for just an instant.

Those million of hands that I see,

But that my Algebra teacher doesn't see,

Reach out to me;

Embrace me.

They pull me into places that become my

HOME.

These almost divine places,

Sad as it may be,

Only exist in two spots in Hayward.

Two spots that are there for me,

and for the public.

Only two spots that help the public escape this hell we call non-fiction.

My soul darkens.

My head aches.

My heart tears just an inch once more.

I hear someone say,

"Want a third spot?"

Another spot of freedom?

Another spot full of hands

Of all kinds

That reach out to you?"

That voice,

Oh, so quiet

Oh, so late.

I hear,

Cherish,

And taste those words.

Another place where I am not to be imprisoned?

Music

Melody

Pleasant cacophony

To my close to deaf ears.

To me,

A new library

Is a place that will provide me and others

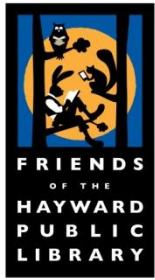
Doors

That will help us step out of

REALITY...

...Even if for just an

Instant.



# Student Poetry Awards

## 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade **WINNER**

Kamaljot Gill

11<sup>th</sup> Grade

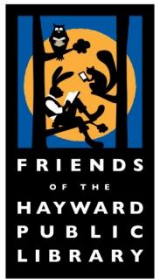
Tennyson High School

\$175 scholarship

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A new library means a new world,  
A place where dreams can manifest themselves,  
Where fantasies can be discovered and shared;  
A place to study,  
Overwhelming with support from the brilliant minds of authors;  
A safe place,  
Where nothing is judged but books,  
Unquestionably not by their covers but by their content;  
A new library means another shelter,  
Sanctuary not just for books but for the minds of the future.



# Student Poetry Awards

## GRAND PRIZE WINNER

Sian Louise D. Yalung

11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Tennyson High School

Chromebook  
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### "Paradise"

I know a place where you can escape  
A place to explore the land of the unknown  
A place to meet Caesar on his throne  
The place where wisdom and knowledge awaits

Here is where you'll find peace  
Here is where your imagination will have a feast  
Here you'll taste words that burn like ice  
Meet people that will teach you the value of life  
Meet people who know the value of life

Here you will not only meet people of flesh and bones  
But people of paper and secrets, intruders to this place you call home  
Though they may never be real  
Their legacies are etched in ink and in the minds of people who read their lives

It may sound like a fantasy  
But this place is part of reality  
It cradled history since the time of Alexander the Great  
It was made by people that changed history's fate

This place is now called the library  
The place where thousands of minds stay  
The place where your mind can never be weary  
And yet its image is clouded with yawns and deep exhales

It's not only the house of written art  
But the house where technology of today flourishes  
So let's look beyond the stereotypical part  
Let it swim in the wind like ashes

Through written art, you'll understand  
This world is neither black, white nor bland  
In this place, the written art stays  
Wanting to tell you the challenges ancient heroes faced

Through technology you will obtain the knowledge of these people's time has  
Trust me, in this place, you'll have a blast  
And prove the image you have in your mind and its reality is not the same

Another place like this should be appreciated more  
Another paradise like this opens new doors  
It opens vast oceans of dreams and reality  
For this place involves the community

A place like this makes one feel glad  
The anticipation runs rapidly in their veins  
Knowing a new one is coming soon  
It's the feeling like flying to the moon

Who wants to have a life worth watching?  
One that's more than beautiful and may or may not have a happy ending  
Keep your goal in mind and play your pieces right  
Your first step for this goal may be your first step to the library, the place I call paradise

Now let me tell you a story  
Once upon in the library  
Where you learn, you love, you dream  
And a subconscious reality full of all sorts of endings

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